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Applicant:	HORST et al.	Examiner:	Phuong M. Phu
Serial No.:	09/281,464	Group Art Unit:	2631
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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSIGNING ADDRESSES TO COMPONENTS IN A CONTROL SYSTEM		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated July 12, 2002. In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application. A Restriction was made between Invention I, claims 1-22 and 26-155, drawn to a transceiving method and associated system; and Invention II, claims 23-25, drawn to a method for assigning addresses. Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-22 and 26-155 with traverse. Applicants assert that the methods are closely related and may be searched and examined together. Applicants assert that all claims may be contained in one application and the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 332-5300.

Respectfully submitted,

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